

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, MARCH 23, 1942

The Board of Public Works met on March 23, 1942, in the office of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland.

There were present: Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement, also attended the meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 1942, copy of which was sent to each member of the Board, were approved.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY:Taxes

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a file of correspondence relative to the liability of the Susquehanna Power Company and the Susquehanna Electric Company for gross receipts taxes for the years 1929 to 1940, both inclusive. This matter has been one of much concern to the State Tax Commission and the Attorney General's Office for the past several years. After conferring, from time to time, with the companies, an offer was made through Mr. Clarence W. Miles, attorney for the companies, of \$65,000.00 in settlement of the State's claim for taxes for the years mentioned. Because of this settlement having been recommended by both the State Tax Commission and the Attorney General, the Board of Public Works was agreeable to it and authorized the Comptroller to accept this settlement on behalf of the State.

The full statement prepared by the State Tax Commission, showing the findings on the new gross receipts tax assessments in the cases of the two companies was submitted and the members of the Board affixed their signatures thereto as indicating their approval of the settlement.

MARYLAND COUNCIL OF DEFENSE:

The Board discussed the matter of money for the operations of the Maryland Council of Defense. The Secretary stated that funds were being used at the rate which would exhaust the money available, in the very near future. The expenses of the Maryland Council of Defense, at this time, are running about \$4,500.00 per month. In addition thereto, it is necessary to take care of the expenses of the State Guard, including salaries of General Mohr and Captain Gill, which will be approximately \$1,250.00 a month.

The Governor requested that the budget of the Military Department be reviewed to ascertain if it is possible to make available out of that account any further funds for the current fiscal year. This matter will be discussed further when the information desired is available.

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See: Last item, these minutes, covering loan from Glenn L. Martin Co. to the State of Maryland, in the amount of \$93,000.00.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:Frostburg

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., State Superintendent of Schools, relative to the bill of Smith and May, Architects, in the amount of \$2,264.15, for services rendered in connection with the proposed alterations and additions to the State Teachers College at Frostburg, Maryland. The architects prepared original sketches in 1940, which embodied a complete revision of the entire group of buildings, with the alterations to proceed in three separate stages. Soon after the sketches were completed a subsidence in the ground was noted and all work on the drawings was stopped. Later, in 1941, after a careful survey of the ground had been made, it was considered safe

to proceed and working drawings of the first unit were completed for which an appropriation of \$100,000 had been made. These working drawings and specifications were completed at about the beginning of 1942, at which time it was found that the work would have to be stopped because of war conditions.

The architects submitted a bill in the amount of \$2,264.15 for professional services, this amount representing a payment of 40% of their commission based on an expenditure of \$94,339.63 at six per cent, making a total commission of \$5,660.37.

In view of the circumstances the Board was agreeable to the request that it authorize payment of the bill submitted by Smith and May for their services rendered, with the understanding that at some later date when it is possible to proceed with plans for the construction of the buildings, the services will be resumed and credit given for the payment of \$2,264.15 at this time.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND:

Aerial Intelligence School

Dr. H. C. Byrd, President of the University of Maryland, came before the Board relative to matters involving the University.

Dr. Byrd mentioned the possibility of his being able to arrange for the erection of an Aerial Intelligence School at the University of Maryland, College Park, but that the problem confronting him was the method of financing the building for the school since there were no State funds available and it was not possible to obtain funds from the Federal Government for the necessary construction. Dr. Byrd stated that the Federal Government would be willing to pay a liberal rent for the use of the premises when erected, and that it might be possible for him to work out a plan whereby the cost of the work could be taken care of out of the rent to be received.

The Board was interested in the proposition, but stated it could not commit the State for any funds for the construction work since there are no funds available at this time. Dr. Byrd suggested that he would go into the matter and if he could work out a plan whereby the building could be erected and the cost paid for out of revenues, the matter would be given further consideration by the Board of Public Works.

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Armory

Dr. Byrd took up with the Board the matter of construction of the new Armory at College Park. He stated that the Board of Correction had been in touch with him relative to the use of prison labor in the construction of the new Armory and was convinced that it would be possible to use this labor at a considerable saving to the State. Dr. Byrd stated that he had entire confidence in the ability of Mr. Raymond, Superintendent of Construction for the Board of Correction, to do the job in a first-class manner.

Dr. Byrd suggested that it would be possible to use \$50,000 now in the Athletic Fund and that there is an anticipated saving of \$60,000 in the State budget, making a total of \$110,000 to supplement the appropriation of \$100,000 to the University for the new Armory in the General Bond Issue of 1941. He further stated that it might still be possible to supplement the money from the Athletic Fund and the Budget in case the cost of construction exceeded \$210,000, and he thought it would not be necessary to ask the State for more than the \$100,000 available in the General Bond Issue of 1941. Dr. Byrd advised that the adoption of this plan would eliminate the employment of the T. Calvin Owens Construction Company for supervision of the work at a fee of \$10,000, as outlined in his previous representations to the Board on this work.

The Board was agreeable to the plan suggested by Dr. Byrd for the use of prison labor in the construction of the Armory and authorized him to proceed accordingly.

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### Conventions

Dr. Byrd said that he would like to obtain from the Board its views in the matter of payment of expenses of members of the faculty and others connected with the University of Maryland in attending meetings and conferences such as could not be considered as coming under the resolution passed by the Board of Public Works sometime ago, disapproving payment of expenses of State Officials and employees in attending annual conventions. Dr. Byrd stated that the meetings and conferences he referred to could not be considered conventions and that they were necessary to the work of the University of Maryland, since it was very desirable and important that heads of departments, and others, meet with persons occupying similar positions in other states, to arrange educational programs, etc. He advised that there would be instances where the University would discontinue being represented at conventions because of the resolution of the Board denying the use of State money for expenses in attending such conventions.

The Board suggested that Dr. Byrd submit to Mr. Kirkman the instances where he felt it proper for the State to reimburse the employees of the University of Maryland for expenses in attending meetings and conferences, and authorized Mr. Kirkman to approve for payment such expense accounts, with the suggestion that in case of any doubt on the part of Mr. Kirkman as to whether or not the proposed expenses were in order, he might hold such cases for consideration by the Board.

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### Employees

Dr. Byrd called attention to the fact that in the case of several members of the staff of the University of Maryland, these members in going into the armed services of the United States Government, did so at some sacrifice of compensation, the salaries being received from the federal government being less than those received for services rendered the University. Dr. Byrd asked if something could be done, at this time, to alleviate this condition, suggesting that it might be possible for the University to take care of the contributions which these persons have been making to the State Employees Retirement System.

After discussing the matter and considering the fact that other employees of the State, in other departments, would face the same situation, it was felt that it would not be practicable to make any arrangement of this nature and that nothing could be done at this time.

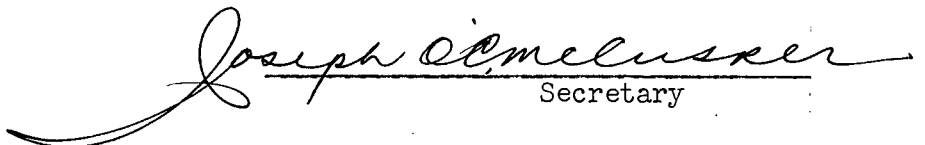
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### University Hospital

Dr. Byrd discussed the possibility of obtaining W.P.A. Funds for the building of an additional floor to the University of Maryland Hospital and requested authority to make application to the W.P.A. for the funds which it might be possible for the Federal Government to make available to the State.

It was agreed that Dr. Byrd should be given this authority, with the understanding that it would not be possible to provide any State funds to match Federal funds, or to pay for any part of the cost of the work because of no State funds being available for the purpose.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, MARCH 23, 1942MARYLAND COUNCIL OF DEFENSE:

Glenn L. Martin Co. Loan

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the office of Governor Herbert R. O'Connor at Annapolis, Maryland, on the 23rd day of March, 1942. Governor O'Connor and Messrs Hooper S. Miles and J. Millard Tawes, being all of the members of the Board, were present; and Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, the Secretary of the Board, was also in attendance and acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Governor, O'Connor, who acted as Chairman of the meeting, brought to the attention of the members of the Board the urgent and vital necessity of the construction, without further delay, of a 36-inch water main to extend from Mapleton Avenue, within the limits of the City of Baltimore, on Route 40 (New Philadelphia Road), under the grass plot of the Dual Highway, easterly to the City limits, a distance of approximately 5960 feet, and from thence into Baltimore County for a distance of approximately six miles, the terminal point in Baltimore County to be at Bengies Station, in the vicinity of Plant No. 2 of The Glenn L. Martin Company. He stated that such a main was now of the utmost importance to provide fire protection and adequate water supply for the area through which the main is to be constructed, stressed the importance of such water service to the rapidly expanding manufacturing plants in the area which are engaged in defense industries, and pointed out that longer delay in the construction of the water main might well jeopardize the production schedules of these plants.

Governor O'Connor explained that the Federal Government, through certain departments and agencies, had come to an agreement with the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for defraying the cost of the construction of the water main located in Baltimore County. He stated that the cost of constructing the main from Mapleton Avenue in Baltimore City to the City Line would approximate \$186,000; that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore had agreed to defray one-half of such cost and that he had agreed to recommend to the General Assembly at its next session that the State of Maryland pay the other one-half; that as the matter was one of such urgency, he thought it unwise to defer construction until the next session, and that as the State did not have the funds available at this time for the purpose, he had requested The Glenn L. Martin Company to lend directly, or cause to be made available as a loan, to the State of Maryland the sum of \$93,000, and that he had assured Glenn L. Martin that he would recommend to the Board of Public Works that it join in his request for the loan to the State.

In the discussion that followed, the other members of the Board expressed themselves as being fully cognizant of the urgency of the situation and the need for immediate action; and they expressed themselves also as being in full accord with the action taken by the Governor.

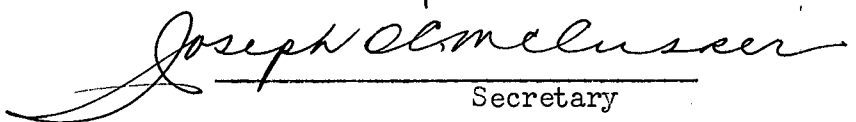
WHEREUPON, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously resolved as follows:

1. The Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland hereby joins in the request made by Governor Herbert R. O'Connor that The Glenn L. Martin Company lend, or cause to be made available as a loan, to the State of Maryland the sum of \$93,000, in order to enable the State to defray one-half of the cost of the construction of a 36-inch water main under the Dual Highway, Route 40, from Mapleton Avenue in the City of Baltimore to the City limits, a distance of approximately 5960 feet.
2. That the Board of Public Works, acting as a board, as well as each member thereof, make such recommendations and take such steps as may be proper to bring about appropriate legislation at the next session of the General Assembly of

Maryland to reimburse The Glenn L. Martin Company, (or such other persons or corporations as it may substitute as the lender) promptly for the sums loaned to the State of Maryland, up to, but not exceeding, the sum of \$93,000 for the construction of the said 36-inch water main within the limits of Baltimore City, (with interest thereon at the rate of 2½% per annum from the date of such loan or loans until repayment is made).

3. That a copy of this resolution, duly certified by the Secretary of this Board, be sent to Glenn L. Martin forthwith, and that this resolution be brought to the attention of the General Assembly at its next meeting, through appropriate channels, as soon as it convenes, or as soon thereafter as may seem feasible to this Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary